



February 7, 2021

5th Sunday after Epiphany

Joint Worship to be the church together.

Voices from Augustana & First Lutheran

With worship broadcast via radio and YouTube. YouTube links found on:

www.augustanalutheran.org www.firstlutheranchurchff.org

PRELUDE

RINGING OF THE BELL

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

GATHERING HYMN

Gather Us In

HYMN # 532, v.1,4



1 Here in this place the new light is stream-ing, now is the dark - ness
2 We are the young, our lives are a mys - t'ry, we are the old who
3 Here we will take the wine and the wa - ter, here we will take the
4 Not in the dark of build-ings con - fin - ing, not in some heav - en,



van - ished a - way; see in this space our fears and our dream-ings
yearn for your face; we have been sung through - out all of his - t'ry,
bread of new birth, here you shall call your sons and your daugh-ers,
light years a - way— here in this place the new light is shin - ing,



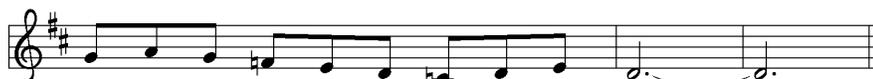
brought here to you in the light of this day.
called to be light to the whole hu - man race.
call us a - new to be salt for the earth.
now is the king - dom, and now is the day.



Gath-er us in, the lost and for - sak - en, gath-er us in, the
Gath-er us in, the rich and the haugh-ty, gath-er us in, the
Give us to drink the wine of com-pas - sion, give us to eat the
Gath-er us in and hold us for - ev - er, gath-er us in and



blind and the lame; call to us now, and we shall a - wak - en,
proud and the strong; give us a heart, so meek and so low - ly,
bread that is you; nour-ish us well, and teach us to fash - ion
make us your own; gath-er us in, all peo - ples to - geth - er,



we shall a - rise at the sound of our name.
give us the cour - age to en - ter the song.
lives that are ho - ly and hearts that are true.
fire . . of love in our flesh and our bone.

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GREETING

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all. **And also with you.**

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

In the name of the Father, and of the ✝ Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

God of all mercy and consolation, come to the help of your people, turning us from our sin to live for you alone. Give us the power of your Holy Spirit that we may confess our sin, receive your forgiveness, and grow into the fullness of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

Most merciful God, **we confess that we are captive to sin and cannot free ourselves. We have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name. Amen.**

In the mercy of almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for us, and for his sake God forgives us all our sins. As a called and ordained minister of the church of Christ, and by his authority, I therefore declare to you the entire forgiveness of all your sins, in the name of the Father, and of the ✝ Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

KYRIE

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In peace, let us pray to the Lord. **Lord, have mercy.**

For the peace from above, and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord. **Lord, have mercy.**

For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God, and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord. **Lord, have mercy.**

For this holy house, and for all who offer here their worship and praise, let us pray to the Lord. **Lord, have mercy.**

Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord. **Amen.**

CANTICLE OF PRAISE

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This is the feast of victory for our God. Alleluia.

Worthy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose blood set us free to be people of God.

Power and riches and wisdom and strength, and honor and blessing and glory are his.

This is the feast of victory for our God. Alleluia. Sing with all the people of God and join in

the hymn of all creation: Blessing and honor and glory and might be to God and the Lamb

forever. Amen. This is the feast of victory for our God, for the Lamb who was slain has begun

his reign. Alleluia. Alleluia.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray. Everlasting God, you give strength to the weak and power to the faint. Make us agents of your healing and wholeness, that your good news may be made known to the ends of your creation, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

SPECIAL MUSIC

Amazing Grace
Arranged by John Newton

MYRON BRUSVEN
Accompanied By Lori Brusven

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

VICKI HANNEMAN

PSALM: Psalm 147:1-11, 20c

The LORD heals the brokenhearted. (Ps. 147:3)

¹Hallelujah! How good it is to sing praises to our God! How pleasant it is to honor God with praise! ²The LORD rebuilds Jerusalem, and gathers the exiles of Israel. ³The LORD heals the brokenhearted and binds up their wounds. ⁴The LORD counts the number of the stars and calls them all by their names. ⁵Great is our LORD and mighty in power; there is no limit to God's wisdom. ⁶The LORD lifts up the lowly, but casts the wicked to the ground. ⁷Sing to the LORD with thanksgiving; make music upon the harp to our God, ⁸who covers the heavens with clouds and prepares rain for the earth, making grass to grow upon the mountains. ⁹God provides food for the cattle and for the young ravens when they cry. ¹⁰God is not impressed by the might of a horse, and has no pleasure in the speed of a runner, ¹¹but finds pleasure in those who fear the LORD, in those who await God's steadfast love. ^{20c}Hallelujah!

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go?



You have the words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia.

GOSPEL: Mark 1:29-39

The holy gospel according to St. Mark. **Glory to you, O Lord.**

Everywhere Jesus goes, many people expect him to set them free from oppression. Everywhere he goes, he heals people and sets them free. Disease, devils, and death are running for their lives. The forces that diminish human life are rendered powerless by Jesus.

²⁹As soon as [Jesus and the disciples] left the synagogue, they entered the house of Simon and Andrew, with James and John. ³⁰Now Simon's mother-in-law was in bed with a fever, and they told him about her at once. ³¹He came and took her by the hand and lifted her up. Then the fever left her, and she began to serve them. ³²That evening, at sunset, they brought to him all who were sick or possessed with demons. ³³And the whole city was gathered around the door. ³⁴And he cured many who were sick with various diseases, and cast out many demons; and he would not permit the demons to speak, because they knew him. ³⁵In the morning, while it was

still very dark, he got up and went out to a deserted place, and there he prayed. ³⁶And Simon and his companions hunted for him. ³⁷When they found him, they said to him, "Everyone is searching for you." ³⁸He answered, "Let us go on to the neighboring towns, so that I may proclaim the message there also; for that is what I came out to do." ³⁹And he went throughout Galilee, proclaiming the message in their synagogues and casting out demons.
The gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, O Christ.**

SERMON

Expectations

VICAR LYNN MELCHIOR

HYMN OF THE DAY

O Lord, Now Let Your Servant

HYMN #313



1 O Lord, now let your ser - vant de - part in heav'n-ly peace,
2 Then grant that I may fol - low your gleam, O glo - rious Light,



for I have seen the glo - ry of your re - deem - ing grace:
till earth-ly shad - ows scat - ter, and faith is changed to sight;



a light to lead the na - tions un - to your ho - ly hill,
till rap - tured saints shall gath - er up - on that shin - ing shore,



the glo - ry of your peo - ple, your cho - sen Is - ra - el.
where Christ, the bless - ed day - star, shall light them ev - er - more.

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Music: KUORTANE, Finnish folk tune
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APOSTLES' CREED

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth. I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

Let us pray. **Have mercy, O God.**

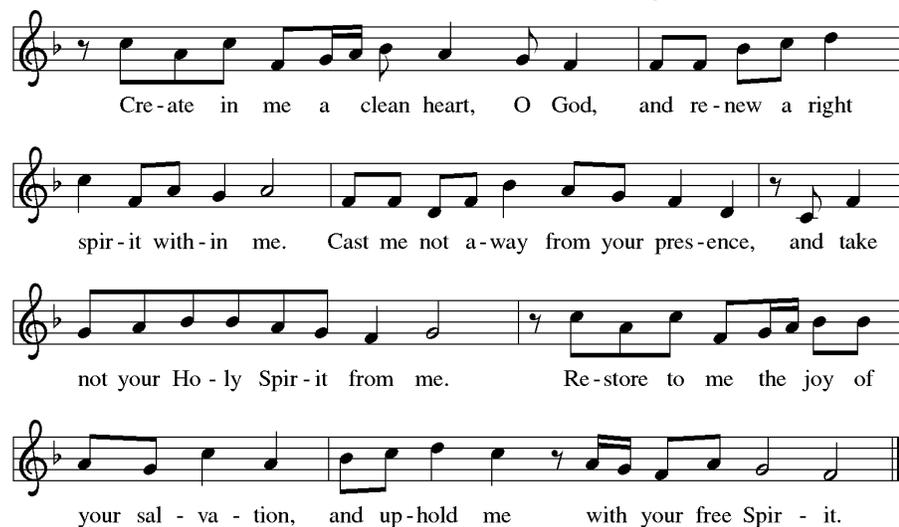
SHARING OF THE PEACE

The peace of Christ be with you always. **And also with you.**

OFFERING

OFFERTORY

Create In My A Clean Heart



Cre - ate in me a clean heart, O God, and re - new a right
spir - it with - in me. Cast me not a - way from your pres - ence, and take
not your Ho - ly Spir - it from me. Re - store to me the joy of
your sal - va - tion, and up - hold me with your free Spir - it.

Music: Richard W. Hillert, b. 1923

COMMUNION

This is the Lord's Table, all are welcome here. In your home is an ordinary table now set apart and holy, Christ is present there. All are welcome to partake in the Lord's Supper, wherever you may be.

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts. **We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks and praise to the Lord our God. **It is right to give God our thanks and praise.**

Holy God, throughout the generations you have come to be present with us at our tables, turning ordinary meals into holy moments for us to experience your grace in tangible ways. In an upper room of a guest house in the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks; broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying: Take and eat; this is my body, given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me.

The body of Christ given for you. *(all share in eating the bread)*

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying: This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me.

The blood of Christ shed for you. *(all sharing in drinking of the cup)*

Together as the body of Christ, trusting that the distance that separates us is bridged by the Holy Spirit who makes us one, we proclaim the Lord's death until he comes: **Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.**

COMMUNION HYMN*We Come to the Hungry Feast***HYMN #479**

1 We come to the hun - gry feast hun - gry for a word of peace.
 2 We come to the hun - gry feast hun - gry for a world re - leased
 3 We come to the hun - gry feast hun - gry that the hun - ger cease,



To hun - gry hearts un - sat - is - fied the love of God is
 from hun - gry folk of ev - 'ry kind, the poor in bod - y,
 and know - ing, though we eat our fill, the hun - ger will stay



not de - nied. We come, we come to the hun - gry feast.
 poor in mind. We come, we come to the hun - gry feast.
 with us; still we come, we come to the hun - gry feast.

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LORD'S PRAYER

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever and ever. Amen.

BLESSING

Almighty God, Father, ✝ Son, and Holy Spirit, bless you now and forever. **Amen.**

SENDING HYMN

Christ, Be Our Light

HYMN #715, v.1,2,5



1 Long - ing for light, we wait in dark - ness. Long - ing for
 2 Long - ing for peace, our world is trou - bled. Long - ing for
 3 Long - ing for food, man - y are hun - gry. Long - ing for
 4 Long - ing for shel - ter, man - y are home - less. Long - ing for
 5 Man - y the gifts, man - y the peo - ple, man - y the



truth, we turn to you. Make us your own,
 hope, man - y de - spair. Your word a - lone
 wa - ter, man - y still thirst. Make us your bread,
 warmth, man - y are cold. Make us your build - ing,
 hearts that yearn to be - long. Let us be ser - vants



your ho - ly peo - ple, light for the world to see.
 has pow'r to save us. Make us your liv - ing voice.
 bro - ken for oth - ers, shared un - til all are fed.
 shel - ter - ing oth - ers, walls made of liv - ing stone.
 to one an - oth - er, signs of your king - dom come.

Refrain



Christ, be our light! Shine in our hearts. Shine through the



dark - ness. Christ, be our light! Shine in your



church gath - ered to - day.

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DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Serve the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**



FIRST LUTHERAN ANNOUNCEMENTS SUNDAY FEBRUARY 7, 2021
Church phone number 739-3348 and email office@flcff.org

The flowers on the altar are given by Dale & Laurie Whitehead in memory of Laurie's Dad Kenneth (Ken) Hanson, who would have turned 100 years old January 25.

Openings to sponsor flowers in February: Feb 21 or Feb 28. Contact the office if interested.

In-Person Worship begins TODAY February 7th!

- Maximum number allowed at this time is 50.
- **UPDATE** - a decision has been made that pre-registration is NO LONGER required.
- Worship will continue to be combined with Augustana, and will be broadcast on the radio and YouTube.
- The church building will be open again during office hours, M-Th, 8:00 am to 4:30 pm beginning February 8th.

Reminder of In-Person Worship Plan Requirements:

- No coffee, food or congregating before or after the service inside the building.
- Masks will be worn over the nose and mouth by everyone aged 5 and above (also recommended for those ages 2-5).
- Worship Leaders may remove their mask while speaking or solo singing.
- Attendees must maintain a physical distance of at least six feet between each person/household. Pews will be clearly marked to support social distancing.
- Attendees will not sing or speak hymns/responses. Hymnals and other items are removed from the sanctuary.
- Following the service, worshipers will follow ushers' direction exiting by the side aisles, maintaining physical distancing, and proceeding directly out of the building.

Coming up this week:

- Meals by Wheels Delivery by First Lutheran is February 8 to 12. Drivers have filled all the routes – THANK YOU!
- Tuesday, February 9 at 6:00 pm Council via Zoom.
- Wednesday, February 10 FLY K-6 not meeting.
- Wednesday, February 10 at 6:30 pm Confirmation for 7th and 8th graders via Zoom.
Join Zoom Meeting <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/9211192389> Meeting ID: 921 119 2389

Coming later this month:

- Ash Wednesday is on February 17. An online devotion with Pastor Gretchen and music by Ty Stortroen will be available all day. Drive-thru pickup of ashes and prefilled Communion cups to be used at home from 12 to 1 pm and 5 to 6 pm under the Canopy, Upper Parking Lot.
- Lenten services begin on Wednesday, February 24 and continue through March 24.
 - Joint worship with Augustana Lutheran.
 - In-person worship available, limited to 50.
 - Worship will also be live streamed to the church website.
 - Lenten theme is "Affirming our Baptism". Holden Evening Prayer will be used.
 - Confirmands required to attend in person or on the live stream.

Luther Crest - The early bird registration ends on Valentine's day (Feb 14th). Here is what the foundation will pay for Luther Crest Camps: (The remaining balance is your responsibility but if you have financial need, please speak with me!) On Site Day Camp - \$60; Explorers - \$70; Seekers - \$200; Leapers - \$300; Critters - \$300; Any other Luther Crest Camps for other grades: \$300. Deposit due when you register. Registration information can be found at www.luthercrest.org. To get these dollars applied to your camp registration, you need to notify the church office before April 25 and give the church office proof of your registration. This can be as simple as emailing a copy of your registration to calie@flcff.org. Thank you to the First Lutheran Foundation!

Church Council First Lutheran 2021: George Mathison, President ; David & Lorri Holt, Co VP; Steve Guttormson, Secretary; Suzanne Demuth, Treasurer. Council Members: Jennifer Frank, Outreach; Michael Wicklund, Discipleship; Missy Mattson, Personnel; Leslie Flugstad, Finance; Harriet Wicklund, Worship; Alison Koch, Youth; JoAn Whitlock, Fellowship; Tara Wagner, Education; Tedd Steenbock Property. Thank you for agreeing to be on the council!

Council Opening: Membership Chair is still open! Please contact Pastor Gretchen if you are interested.

Many thanks to our outgoing Council members: Abbey Kwapinski, Jennifer Woore, Ron Spangler, Sara Koch, Deb Opatz.

Financial Update: As of February 1, 2021, year-to-date revenue: \$36,368, year-to-date budget \$40,548, last year: \$31,551.